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High Visibility Deployment Recommendation for Weeks of August 13-26, 2018

Information Cutoff Date: August 10, 2018

SITUATION:

At this time, there is no known threat toward the city of Los Angeles, however, we must be mindful of the persistence and patience of the international and domestic terrorist threat, and maintain our vigilance for suspicious activity in and around our city for those that may be engaged in pre-operational surveillance and planning of a terrorist act.

The following national and international events are provided for situational awareness only:

- August 10: Canada – A suspect killed two Fredericton police officers and two others during a domestic disturbance before police arrested him. Police did not release the names of the victims or suspect. Fredericton is the capital of New Brunswick in eastern Canada.
- August 8: Orange County, CA – Authorities arrested Forrest Gordon Clark, 51, on suspicion of two counts of felony arson, one count of felony threat to terrorize, and one count of misdemeanor resisting arrest in connection with the Holy Fire in Cleveland National Forest. The Holy Fire is one of more than a dozen wildfires burning throughout California. Last week, Clark – who had a decade-long feud with local cabin owners and claimed he could read minds – allegedly sent an email threatening “this place will burn.”
- August 7: Camden, New Jersey – Two plainclothes detectives were shot in their vehicle while stopped at a red light, and sustained non-life threatening injuries. Authorities have not announced a motive, and two male suspects remain outstanding. The shooting occurred on the evening of the city’s “National Night Out” event.
- August 6: Guerneville, CA – Authorities arrested a man after he ignited a pipe bomb and threw it under a parked, unattended Sonoma County Sheriff’s patrol vehicle. Sonoma County Sheriff’s Bomb Squad rendered safe the suspect’s backpack, which was believed to contain explosive devices. A Safeway market employee suffered minor injuries, was treated at the scene, and released.

METHODOLOGY:

Open source, law enforcement sensitive material, and tips/leads through the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) were assessed and compiled to complete this predictive analysis.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Hazardous Devices Materials Section/Bomb Squad and Bomb Detection K-9, when available, provide a high visibility presence at the below mentioned locations. High visibility activities are a key tool in the detection and deterrence of terrorist pre-operational surveillance activities.

In response to a reported bomb threat or discovery of a possible explosive device, personnel should direct officers on the perimeter to monitor the crowd for any suspicious activity inherent in a "dry run/rehearsal" by terrorists or other criminal elements. It is also important to remember that preoperational indicators may come months or even years apart.

The Asset Protection Unit (APU) will continue to liaison at the JRIC with the various agency representatives present. This presence will allow the APU access to real time information related to potential threats to critical Los Angeles City infrastructure.

LOCATIONS:

High visibility activities for faith based locations when possible should include a check-in with the facility. Critical Infrastructure Key Resource (CIKR) locations, such as water treatment plants, various schools/religious institutions, and Defense Industrial Base (DIB) facilities which are enclosed within a secured perimeter and posted security personnel, may not be suitable for traditional dismounted high visibility/patrol activity. For those types of infrastructure, high visibility consisting of vehicle patrol to disrupt hostile surveillance and a perimeter check of the facility will provide a positive enhancement to their security posture.

The following critical infrastructure sectors will be the focus of high visibility patrols for this bi-week period. Sectors are added or removed based on the current threat information and documented suspicious activity.

7th and Metro - Downtown Los Angeles – commercial facilities and residential areas

Transit facilities – surface and air, to include the Port of Los Angeles

Mass gathering/entertainment – shopping, performance and sports venues

Faith Based – churches and schools